houses in the areas where houses can be arranged through the agencies like Delhi Development Authority, State Housing Boards etc.

(b) Does not arise.

National Savings Certificates

601. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount invested in National Savings Certificates during the last three years;

(b) what is the total amount deposited in various postal recrurring deposit schemes throughout the country during the last three years;

(c) whether any amount of money has been paid as commission to persons engaged as agents ; and

(d) if so, what is the number of such persons who received the commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) The total amount invested in National Savings Certificates during the years 1982-83 to 1984-85 is as under :—

	(Rs. crores)
1982-83 . . .	1,061.42
1983-84 . . .	1,786.55
1984-85 . . .	2,691.47

(b) The total amount deposited in various postal recurring deposit schemes throughout the country during the last three years is as under :—

1982-83 . . .	398.37
1983-84 . . .	463.50
1984-85 . . .	553.51

(c) Yes, Sir. The total amount of commission paid to S.A.S. and M.P.K.B.Y. agents during the years 1982-83 to 1984-85 is as under :—

	(Rs. crores)
1982-83 . . .	23.23
1983-84 . . .	41.62
1984-85 . . .	49.29

(d) Statistics regarding number of agents who received commission every year are not being maintained. The total number of active S.A.S. and M. P. K. B. Y. agents during the years 1982-83 to 1984-85 were as under :—

1982-83 . . .	86,409
1983-84 . . .	1,05,217
1984-85 . . .	1,11,890

Export of Agricultural products

602. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI :
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum and value of Indian agricultural products exported to foreign countries during the last three years ;

(b) the names of foreign countries to which Indian agricultural products have been exported during the above period ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to boost the exports of agricultural products ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Exports of Indian agricultural products to foreign